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SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SECOND DIVISION

PRAIRIE AND WHITE
COUNTIES

June 12, 2007

Chief Justice Jim Hannah
Arkansas Supreme Court
Justice Building
625 Marshall St.
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Administrative Order No. 14/Seventeenth Judicial Circuit
Administrative Plan

Dear Chief Justice Hannah:

Myself, Judge Bill Mills and Judge Craig Hannah have conferred with respect to the submission of an Administrative Plan for the Seventeenth-Judicial Circuit pursuant to Administrative Order No. 14.

We have unanimously agreed to extend and readopt the terms of the Administrative Plan adopted October 24, 2006 which the Supreme Court approved November 8, 2006. It is the belief of all three judges that our current administrative plan is a fair and equitable distribution of cases within the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit and will provide for an effective administration of justice.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Edwards".

Robert Edwards
Circuit Judge

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cc: Honorable Bill Mills
Honorable Craig Hannah
Mr. J.D. Gingerich

**ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN FOR THE
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PURSUANT TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 14
OF THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT**

Judge Bill Mills (Division 1), Judge Robert Edwards (Division 2) and Judge Craig Hannah (Division 3) hereby submit to the Arkansas Supreme Court the following administrative plan for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit to be effective January 1, 2007.

Administrative Policy: Judges of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit shall meet during the first month of each calendar quarter to formulate, implement and act on matters of administrative policy and procedure within the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court. Majority approval of all circuit judges within the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit shall be required to adopt, enact or amend such administrative procedures or policies.

In White County, Arkansas cases shall be assigned by the clerk at the time of filing as follows:

(A) Civil Cases-Judge Bill Mills 90% **

Civil Cases-Judge Craig Hannah 10% **

(B) Domestic Cases-Judge Craig Hannah, except for:

(a) 50% of Domestic Abuse cases **

(b) actions filed by the State of Arkansas, Office of Child Support Enforcement.

which shall be assigned to Judge Bill Mills

(C) Probate Cases-Judge Craig Hannah 50% **

Probate Cases-Judge Bill Mills 50% **

(D) Juvenile Cases-Judge Craig Hannah, except for:

(a) Dependency/Neglect actions filed by the Department of Health and Human Services, which will be assigned to Judge Robert Edwards

(E) Criminal Cases-Judge Robert Edwards, except for:

(a) Post conviction supervision of Drug Court cases, which will be assigned to Judge Craig Hannah.

****Cases shall be assigned to a Judge by random selection.**

In Prairie County, Arkansas cases will be assigned by the clerk at the time of filing as follows:

(A) Civil Cases-Judge Bill Mills

(B) Domestic Cases-Judge Craig Hannah

(C) Probate Cases-Judge Craig Hannah

(D) Juvenile Cases-Judge Robert Edwards

(E) Criminal Cases-Judge Bill Mills, except for;

(a) Post conviction supervision of Drug Court cases, which will be assigned to Judge Craig Hannah.

Judge Mills, Judge Edwards and Judge Hannah specifically agree that the above method of assignment of cases shall apply as to the initial case assignment and that cases may be transferred or exchanged among judges by agreement of those judges. Additionally, all three judges recognize and accept that it is the affirmative duty of each

judge to hear and dispose of any type case when a judge is called upon to do so under appropriate circumstances such as absence of the assigned judge, recusal or case load requirements.

The assignment of cases, as set forth above, is a fair and equitable distribution of cases within the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit and will provide for effective administration of justice.

Approved and respectfully submitted,

Bill Mills
JUDGE BILL MILLS

10/25/06
DATE

Robert Edwards
JUDGE ROBERT EDWARDS

10-24-06
DATE

Craig Hannah
JUDGE CRAIG HANNAH

10-24-06
DATE